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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicant submits the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicant is aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein or submitted herewith is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b) exists.

Under § 1.98(a)(3), no concise explanation of relevance is required for information that is in the English language. Accordingly, the enclosed patent requires no further explanation (or no translation is available).

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Consideration of the appropriate paragraph(s) indicated below is respectfully requested:

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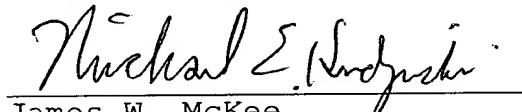
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It is respectfully requested that the attached document(s) be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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